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Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed to Be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects

Report of the Secretary-General

1. In its resolution 52/42 of 9 December 1997, the General Assembly called upon the Secretary-General, in his capacity as depositary, to continue to inform it periodically of the status of the Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed to Be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects and its Protocols.[1]

2. Pursuant to that request, the Secretary-General submits herewith information on the status of the Convention and its Protocols as at 15 June 1998:

(a) The following 71 States were parties to the Convention and at least two of its Protocols: Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belarus, Belgium, Benin, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Bulgaria, Cambodia, Canada, Cape Verde, China, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Djibouti, Ecuador, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, Holy See, Hungary, India, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Malta, Mauritius, Mexico, Monaco, Mongolia, Netherlands, New Zealand, Niger, Norway, Pakistan, Panama, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russian Federation, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Togo, Tunisia, Uganda, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Uruguay, Uzbekistan and Yugoslavia;

(b) As of 15 June 1998, 19 of the 20 notifications of consent required for entry into force of amended Protocol II had been deposited;

(c) In accordance with the provisions of article 5 of the Convention, Protocol IV will enter into force on 30 July 1998, that is, six months after the date by which 20 States notified their consent to be bound by it.

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3. The Secretary-General also submits, in the annex to the present document, information on the action taken in the period under review, that is, from 1 July 1997 to 15 June 1998.

Notes

[1] The Convention, with its Protocols – the Protocol on Non-Detectable Fragments (Protocol I), the Protocol on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Mines, Booby-Traps and Other Devices (Protocol II) and the Protocol on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Incendiary Weapons (Protocol III) – was opened for signature on 10 April 1981 and entered into force on 2 December 1983. The Review Conference of the Parties to the Convention, convened in Vienna from 25 September to 13 October 1995 and in Geneva in resumed sessions from 15 to 19 January and from 22 April to 3 May 1996, adopted the Protocol on Blinding Laser Weapons (Protocol IV) on 13 October 1995 and amended Protocol II on 3 May 1996.

The text of the Convention and its original Protocols is reproduced in *The United Nations Disarmament Yearbook*, vol. 5, 1980 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.81.IX.4), appendix VII, and in *Status of Multilateral Arms Regulation and Disarmament Agreements*, fourth edition, 1992, vol. I (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.93.IX.11). The texts of amended Protocol II and Protocol IV are reproduced in *Status of Multilateral Arms Regulation and Disarmament Agreements*, fifth edition, 1996 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.97.IX.3).

Annex

Action taken during the period from 1 July 1997 to 15 June 1998

A. Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed to Be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects and its three Protocols

State	*Ratification, acceptance (A) approval (AA) accession (a) or succession (s)*	*Acceptance pursuant to article 4, paragraphs 3 and 4 Protocols*		
		I	*II*	*III*
Peru	3 July 1997 (a)	X		X
Holy See	22 July 1997 (a)	X	X	X
Monaco	12 August 1997 (a)	X		
Cape Verde	16 September 1997 (a)	X	X	X
Uzbekistan	29 September 1997 (a)	X	X	X

B. Protocol on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Mines, Booby-Traps and Other Devices, as amended on 3 May 1996 (Amended Protocol II)

State	*Acceptance*
Peru	3 July 1997
Sweden	16 July 1997
Monaco	12 August 1997
Australia	22 August 1997
Cape Verde	16 September 1997
Liechtenstein	19 November 1997
Canada	5 January 1998
New Zealand	8 January 1998
Spain	27 January 1998
Hungary	30 January 1998
Switzerland	24 March 1998
Finland	3 April 1998
Norway	20 April 1998

C. Protocol on Blinding Laser Weapons (Protocol IV)

State	*Acceptance*
Peru	3 July 1997
Holy See	22 July 1997
Greece	5 August 1997
Australia	22 August 1997
Cape Verde	16 September 1997
Uzbekistan	29 September 1997
Liechtenstein	19 November 1997
Canada	5 January 1998
New Zealand	8 January 1998
Spain	19 January 1998
Hungary	30 January 1998
Mexico	10 March 1998
Latvia	11 March 1998
Switzerland	24 March 1998
Norway	20 April 1998